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# Croatia Grain and Feed Crop Update 2004

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## **Report Highlights:**

The wheat harvest in Croatia started later than normal because of rain. However, this year's yields are good with reported production at 850,000 to 900,000 MT. A surplus of 50,000 MT to 100,000 MT is expected to go into state reserves or the export market. Croatia's corn crop is also good with spring rain not affecting yields and production at about 2,250,000 MT. Croatia is not likely to import corn this year. Instead there will 200,000 to 250,000 MT of exportable surplus.

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### Wheat

The wheat harvest in Croatia started later than normal because of rain. However, this year's yields are good with reported production at 850,000 to 900,000 MT from 170,000 to 200,000 ha. Crop quality is excellent despite excessive rain earlier in the season. High yields mean Croatia will possibly have an export surplus between 50,000 MT to 100,000 MT. However, more likely this surplus will go into state reserves and will be sold later.

### Corn

The corn crop for 2004 is expected to be about 2,250,000 MT from 400,000 ha. The excessive spring rain has not affected yields. There will be no need for Croatia to import corn this year, and there will be about 200,000 – 250,000 MT of exportable surplus.

For biotechnology issues see GAIN Reports (HR 3019, 3023, 3024, 4002, 4006). In general, Croatia is trying to adopt legislation that complies with EU biotech legislation.

Tariffs and TRQs for grain commodities can be requested from USDA's Zagreb office:

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